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AN ORDINANCE

RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,755.00 AVAILABLE UNDER THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION FOR WOMEN LIVING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2005, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2006.

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio (City), through the City Attorney's Office, seeks to promote and ensure the health and well-being of individuals in San Antonio, Bexar County through the effective utilization of available resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's Office seeks to provide swift intervention to domestic violence while it is at the Class C misdemeanor level, and thereby prevent its escalation into more dangerous crime; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has recognized that domestic violence is a significant threat to the safety and well-being of the citizens of San Antonio and established a domestic violence court in Municipal Court during the fiscal year 1996-1997; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office awards grant funds, under the Violence Against Women Act (V.A.W.A.) for projects targeted at prosecution to aid in preventing and reducing violence against women; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the V.A.W.A. program is to pursue a coordinated and integrated approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violence against women, including a partnership between law enforcement, prosecution, courts, victim advocates, and service providers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the application for funding from the Governor's Office-Criminal Justice Division for the Early Intervention for Women Living in Domestic Violence project is consistent with the best interests of citizens of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to obtain these funds and an application is being submitted to meet the deadlines established by the Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for funding by the Governor's Office-Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$126,755.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed to provide the required matching funds in the required percentage of 25% of the total grant program cost of \$169,016.00 for the Early Intervention for Women Living in Domestic Violence program as required by the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed that, in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the San Antonio City Council, will return all funds in full to the Criminal Justice Division; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to ratify City actions in submitting an application to the Office of the Governor, for \$126,755.00 to provide the funding for City staff to continue the Early Intervention for Women Living in Domestic Violence program in San Antonio's Municipal Court for the period of September 1, 2005 - August 31, 2006;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council approves City Staff's actions in submitting a \$126,755.00 grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to continue funding the City's Early Intervention for Women Living in Domestic Violence program located at the San Antonio Municipal Court for the period of September 1, 2005 – August 31, 2006, hereby ratifies this action.

SECTION 2. The minimum twenty five percent (25%) match required by the V.A.W.A. grant application, will be contributed by the City through in-kind contributions.

SECTION 3. The City Council also authorizes the City Manager or his Designee, an Assistant City Manager, to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective on the tenth (10) day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of February, 2005.

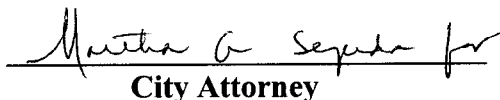


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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney